



Congressman Jason Altmire is serving his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he represents [all or parts of six counties](#) in western Pennsylvania. He has quickly established himself as one of Congress' leading voices on [health care](#)

, [small business](#)  
and [veterans issues](#)  
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In all, Jason has authored [29 different legislative initiatives](#) that have passed the House, 19 of which have been signed into law, including six dealing with veterans. His successful effort to [guarantee bonuses](#) for combat wounded veterans garnered national attention, and his bill allowing military families to qualify for the Family and Medical Leave Act was the first expansion of FMLA since its inception in 1993.

As a subcommittee chairman on the Small Business Committee, Jason has twice passed through the House legislation he authored to expand access to capital for small businesses. A leading fiscal conservative, Jason played a key role in the successful 2009 effort to restore pay-as-you go budgeting as the law of the land. A believer in leading by example, Jason runs his office so efficiently that he has already returned more than \$250,000 to the federal Treasury during his brief time in office.

Jason's success as a second-term congressman has been widely recognized. He is a frequent guest on a number of national television news programs and has been profiled in a variety of national media outlets, including Comedy Central's popular political satire, The Colbert Report.

**Voting Record:** Jason is consistently recognized as one of the most independent members of Congress. A recent non-partisan study of congressional votes identified him as having a reliably centrist voting record. He is the only member of the House who has [never missed a vote](#) during the past two sessions of Congress, having cast more than 3,000 consecutive votes since being sworn-in to the House in 2007.

**Background:** Jason grew up in Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania and attended Burrell High School, where he was a record-breaking two-sport athlete. He received his bachelor's degree from Florida State University, where he was a member of the school's first Sugar Bowl championship football team. He later earned a Master's Degree in Health Administration from George Washington University.

Prior to his election to Congress in 2006, Jason spent 15 years in health care policy, working as a congressional staffer, a hospital association executive and for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Jason currently lives in the North Hills of Allegheny County with his wife, Kelly, and their two daughters.